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(c) if so, whether the Government have provided any relief works there?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) The Collector of West Godavari reported in September 1952 that on account of the deficiency of the South-west monsoon and the consequent contraction in agricultural operations there was a good deal of unemployment among labourers and small ryots in Chinthalapudi taluk and also in Polavaram taluk and in the northern parts of Kovur taluk. Since then conditions are reported to have improved in the district.

" (b) The Minister for Rural Welfare has not made any special report to the Government or any Press statement after his tour in West Godavari district. He only told the Press about the conditions in Rayalaseema districts and in upland areas in Circar districts.

" (c) The Collector has been instructed to take up normal works under the Minor Irrigation, Rural Water Supply, etc., schemes. An allotment of Rs. 2·36 lakhs has since been sanctioned for taking up Minor Irrigation works in the districts."

Representations from Sri P. C. Raju, Cuddapah, regarding allotment of land to a political sufferer.

*437 Q.—SRI T. VISWANATHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether a representation, dated 9th August 1952, from Sri P. C. Raju of Cuddapah was received by the Government complaining about undue preference shown to a Minister (named therein) in the allotment of land as a political sufferer and in giving extra water facilities at public cost; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) No.

" (b) Does not arise."

Malaria allowance to local board employees in Rapur taluk, Nellore district.

* 438 Q.—SRI S. VEMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation regarding the financial assistance to be given to the local board employees working in Rapur taluk of Nellore district towards the Malaria allowance with reference to G.O. Ms. No. 1372, Finance, dated the 19th December 1952; and

(b) if so, the stage at which the matter stands?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The matter is under consideration."

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9-40 a.m. SRI S. VEMIAH :—" How long will the Government take to come to a decision in the matter? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" A decision will be taken as early as possible."

Assignment of tank-beds in Kovur taluk, Nellore district.

* 439 Q.—SRI B. SANKARAYYA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government received any report on the dispute between the Harijan agricultural labourers and political sufferers over the assignment of tank-bed lands in Kodavalur village in Kovur taluk, Nellore district?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir."

* 440 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" A similar question was answered some time back. Therefore, I do not put the question, Sir."

* 441 Q.—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" I do not put the question, Sir."

Construction of taluk office buildings in Pathapatnam.

* 442 Q.—SRI L. LAKSHMANA DAS : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any proposal with the Government to construct new taluk office buildings in Pathapatnam in the place of the present rented buildings?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" No such proposal is under the consideration of the Government at present."

SRI L. LAKSHMANA DAS :—" How long will the Government take to consider the matter, because there is no headquarters building at Pathapatnam? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" When there is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government, what is the meaning of asking this question? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" One question has been left over. The Hon. Minister will now answer the question."

SRI B. SANKARAYYA :—" On a point of order, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let the Hon. Minister answer the question. Then I will allow the hon. Member to raise the point of order."

Government subsidy to American milo and foodgrains.

* 409 Q.—SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have subsidized American milo;